

Public Notice

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Reply To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: CEMVS-OD-F 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2666 and P-2667

Public Notice Date
April 10, 2008

Expiration Date

April 30, 2008

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that proposed plans have been received for Department of the Army permits to install two barge fleets within navigable waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Buzzi-Unicem USA, Inc. - Selma Plant, 1000 River Cement Road, Festus, Missouri 63028 (636-931-2501).

<u>LOCATION:</u> Two barge fleeting areas are proposed along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate River Miles 145.9 and 146.0, in Monroe County, Illinois. (See Attached Vicinity Map)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes two mid-stream barge fleeting areas along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, opposite from Buzzi-Unicem's existing quarry and river terminal. The project purpose is to increase barge storage area and improve barge handling volume. No landside quarry expansion is proposed. A permanent mooring barge would be secured within each of the proposed barge fleeting areas by chains emanating from two proposed anchor piles, driven to the mud line, at each fleeting location. The upper end of the first fleeting area, designated as P-2666, would be situated along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 146.19. This fleet would hold a total of 24 barges with 23 of the barges secured to the permanently moored barge in a 4-wide by 6-long configuration. Barges within this upper fleet would typically hold full vessels. The upper end of the second fleeting area, designated as P-2667, would be located along the left descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 145.85. This fleet would hold a total of 20 barges with 19 of the barges secured to the permanently moored barge in a 4-wide by 5-long configuration. Barges within this lower fleet would typically contain empty vessels. The location of the proposed fleeting sites was chosen based on preliminary coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to avoid and minimize potential affects on the federally endangered pallid sturgeon. The attached drawings show the position of the mooring barges, cargo barges, anchor piles and chains within each of the proposed fleeting locations.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Charles Frerker, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), Gray bat (Myotis gricescens), and the Pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that this activity is not likely to affect the listed species. In order to further complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon Chief, Regulatory Branch

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Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.





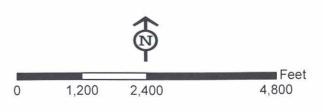
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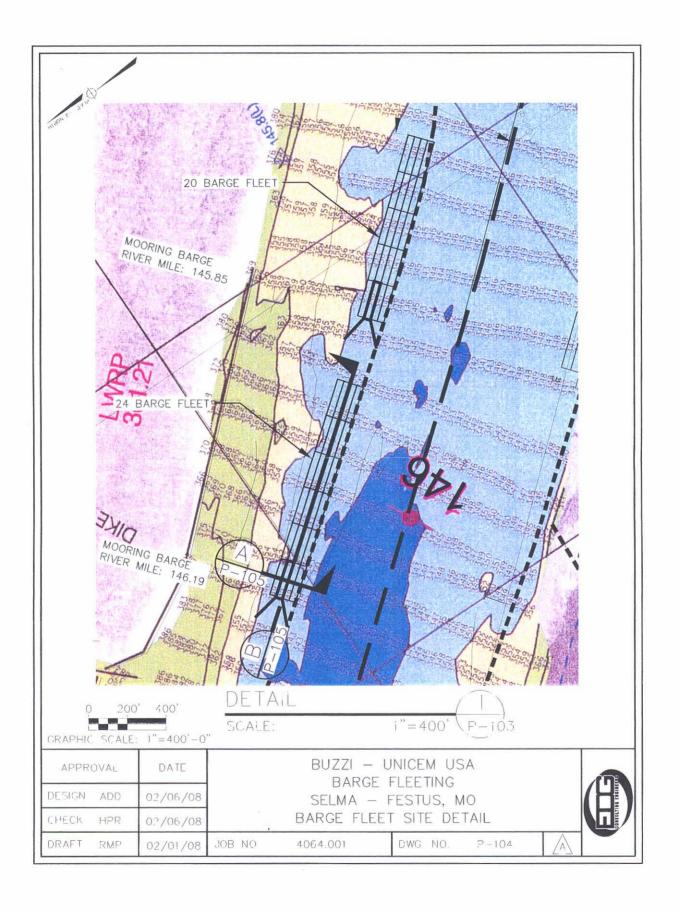
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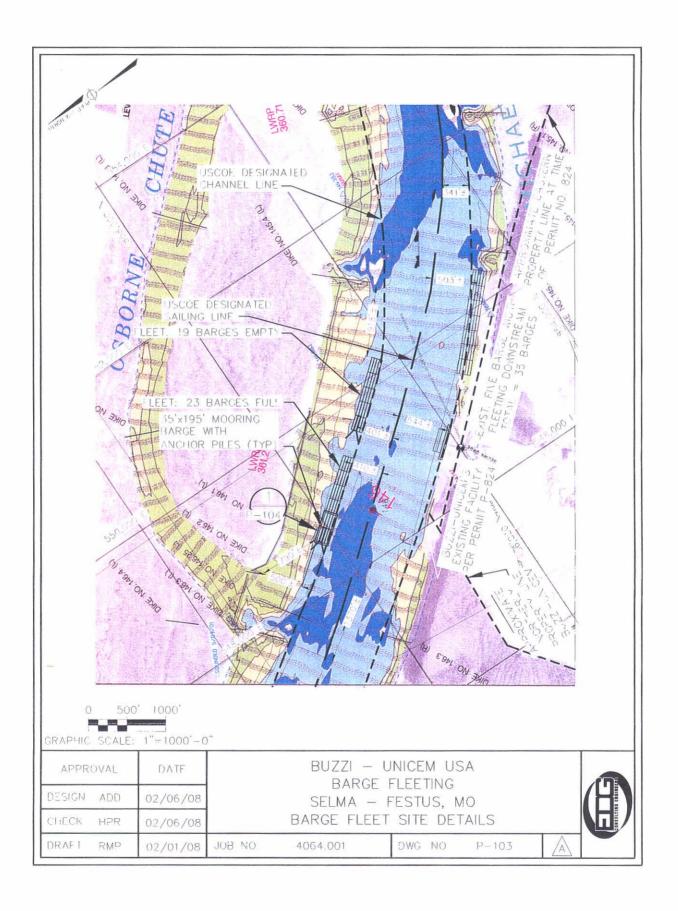
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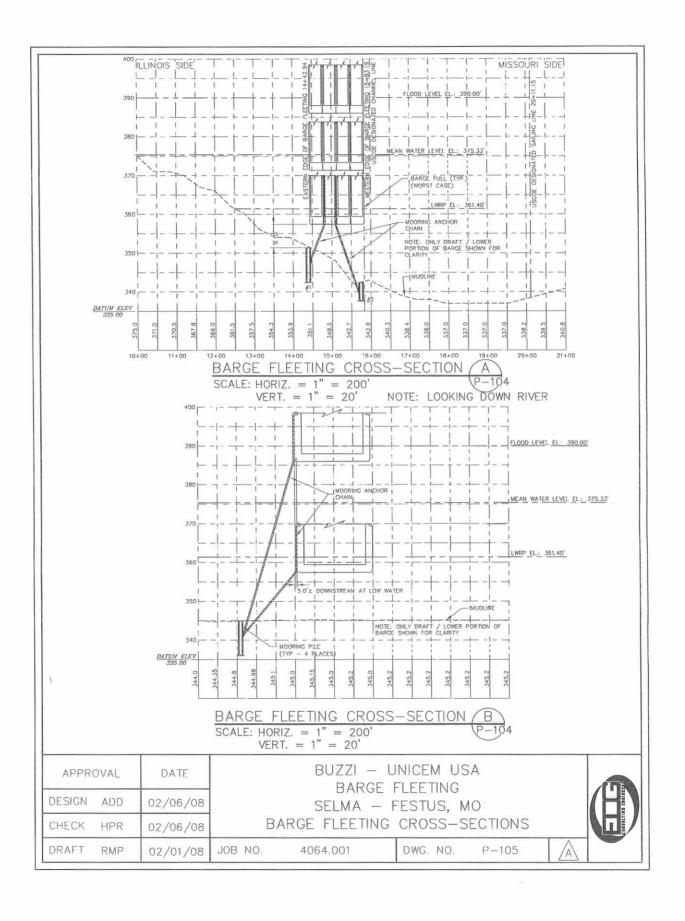
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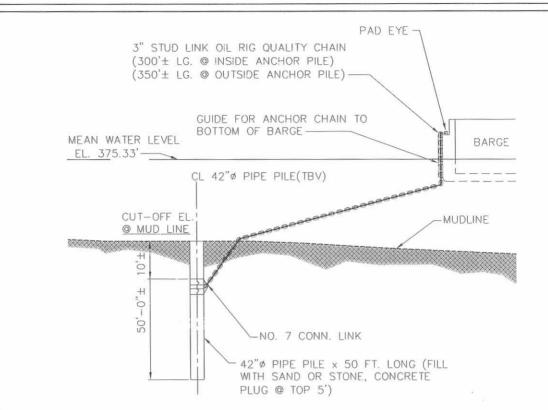












NOTES:

- 1. ALL MATERIAL SHALL BE ASTM A-36 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- 2. ALL WELDS SHALL BE EXAMINED BY ULTRASONIC SHEAR WAVE METHOD.
 3. PIN MATERIAL SHALL SATISFY Fy=50ksi, MINIMUM.

TYPICAL ELEVATION - ANCHOR PILES

PRELIMINARY FOR PERMIT ONLY

	APPROVAL.		DATE	BUZZI — UNICEM USA BARGE FLEETING				
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